

Fulbright Unit Sets Showdown On CIA Panel

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The Senate Foreign Relations Committee scheduled a showdown vote Tuesday on its efforts to obtain representation in an informal group which serves as a watchdog committee over the Central Intelligence Agency.

The committee rejected two attempts to sidetrack the issue which was brought up by Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy, D-Minn.

By a vote of 11-6, it defeated a motion to table the McCarthy resolution. On a 12-6 vote it rejected a move to have the matter referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

Sen. J. William Fulbright, D-Ark., the chairman, and McCarthy said they considered the two votes as indicating that the committee will approve the resolution.

It would create a select committee of nine, to be known as the Committee on Intelligence Operations. Its duty, the resolution provides, would be "to keep itself fully and currently informed" on the activities of the CIA, the defense intelligence agency and other intelligence agencies within the government.

The effect would be to add three members of the Foreign Relations Committee to an informal CIA committee now made up of members of the Senate Armed Services and Appropriations Committees.

Sen. Richard D. Russell, D-Ga., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, recently rejected a request, made by Fulbright at the suggestion of the Foreign Relations Committee, to give that committee representation on the group.

Russell said jurisdiction over the CIA was vested in the Armed Services and Appropriations Committees.

The Foreign Relations Committee considered the McCarthy resolution was a substitute for one that McCarthy originally proposed calling for an investigation by the committee of the impact of CIA operations on this country's foreign relations.

Fulbright said the committee was reluctant to vote today on the McCarthy proposal because of the controversy regarding it. If approved Tuesday, the resolution would then go to the Senate Rules Committee.